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Honorable Jesse M. Furman United States District Judge Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Street New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Joshua Adam Schulte,

17 Cr. 548 (JMF)

Dear Judge Furman:

The Government respectfully submits this letter pursuant to the Court's orders docketed as docket entry numbers 1139 and 1141. Attached to this letter are redacted, unclassified transcripts of proceedings held pursuant to the Classified Information Procedures Act ("CIPA"), 18 U.S.C. App. 3, on May 3, 2022; June 8, 2022; June 13, 2022; and July 22, 2022.

The Government does not propose further redactions to the attached transcripts. Though in other cases involving classified CIPA proceedings, it may be typical that the unclassified portions of transcripts of proceedings are so intertwined with, and inextricable from, the classified proceedings as to make redaction impracticable or rendering redacted transcripts unintelligible or misleading, the Government concludes that the nature of the proceedings in these particular conferences do not create those problems. This was due, we believe, in part to the fact that some proceedings were focused predominately on legal or procedural matters that, while implicating classified information, did not require discussion of the underlying classified information or required only discrete descriptions of classified information readily addressed through redaction. Another consideration is that these proceedings involved a *pro se* defendant who had previously disclosed and attempted to disclose classified information and posed an unusually high risk of

further disclosure of classified information even when addressing matters that, though relating to classified information, might in other circumstances be addressed in an unclassified setting.

Respectfully submitted,

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